

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1998

Introduced by Assembly Member Chan

February 9, 2006

An act to add Section 3055 to the Penal Code, relating to parole.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1998, as introduced, Chan. Parole: prerelease program: Alameda County.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to establish 3 pilot programs that provide training and counseling for female parolees to assist in their successful reintegration into the community.

This bill would require the department to contract for the establishment and operation of a prerelease parole pilot program in Alameda County for male and female offenders, in order to provide coordination between departmental and community service providers to ensure that offenders transition smoothly from services during incarceration through reentry programs. The bill would require 2 evaluations of the program to be given to the Legislature and the Governor by January 1, 2011.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3055 is added to the Penal Code, to
2 read:

1 3055. (a) The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
2 shall contract for the establishment and operation of a prerelease
3 parole pilot program in Alameda County.

4 (b) The purpose of the program is to provide coordination
5 between departmental and community service providers to ensure
6 that parolees transition smoothly from services during
7 incarceration through reentry programs.

8 (c) (1) The program shall prepare participants who will be
9 entering a reentry services program.

10 (2) Up to one year prior to his or her release on parole from
11 San Quentin State Prison or any other state correctional facility
12 to Alameda County, any male or female inmate who has been
13 convicted and sentenced for a nonviolent offense may enroll in
14 the program.

15 (d) The program shall include, but not be limited to, a
16 prerelease assessment screening for needed educational,
17 employment-related, medical, substance abuse and mental health
18 services, housing assistance, and other social services.

19 (e) In awarding a contract pursuant to this section, the
20 secretary may accept proposals from public and private
21 not-for-profit entities located in the county.

22 (f) The contractee shall complete two evaluations of this pilot
23 program and shall submit the evaluations to the appropriate
24 policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature, the Governor,
25 and other interested agencies. The first evaluation shall be
26 submitted by January 1, 2009, and the second evaluation shall be
27 submitted by January 1, 2011.